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Traffic Stop turns into Life Saving Situation

Yesterday morning, at 4:08 a.m., Officer Durham was conducting patrol in the 500 block of Emancipation Hwy and witnessed a vehicle speeding. He initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, and, as he approached it, the driver immediately leaned out the window and said his young daughter was choking.

With the father's permission, Officer Durham picked up the child to assess her well-being. The child was still conscious as he spoke to her; however, it was evident she was choking on something, and her airway was blocked. Officer Durham immediately called for EMS and more assistance. As EMS was en route, Officer Durham turned the child over to her stomach and began to give her back pats to dislodge whatever was blocking her airway. Although Officer Durham was highly concerned, he stayed composed to keep everyone calm and remained focused on helping the little girl.

Just three minutes later, at 4:11 a.m., Officer Zecher and Officer Kraft arrived and began to assist with first aid to the child. Officer Zecher and Officer Kraft worked together to keep the child's airway open.

EMS arrived shortly after and took over first aid. After a tense and stressful few minutes, the child's airway was free, and she was talking again.

Situations like this give us goosebumps, make our stomachs drop, and make us want to hug our loved ones a little tighter than usual. The quick actions of these officers are truly remarkable. We are beyond proud of their commitment to our community.

Thank you for your exemplary service, Officer Durham, Officer Zecher, and Officer Kraft. We are glad you're on our team.

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